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1. General Francisco FRANCO commented on the ouster of Soviet security chief L.P. Beria.  FRANCO speculated that Beria's downfall might be the first important step in the decomposition of Communist power and that the eventual result could be a Nationalist regime controlled by the Military, and an abandonment of expansion abroad.
2. The Caudillo mentioned the possibility that Soviet Chief Georgi Malenkov might start a war in order to avert internal revolution, but added that this seemed unlikely in view of recent satellite uprisings.

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